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FROM: THE HONORABLE DAVID HIOTT, CHAIRMAN

DATE: April 19, 2018

There will be a meeting of the Agriculture Committee on Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. in Room 410 of the Blatt Building. The following matters are on the agenda:

S. 1044 -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-13-260 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF FRESHWATER GAME FISH, TO ESTABLISH A YEAR-ROUND "CATCH AND RELEASE" ZONE ON THE LOWER REACH OF THE SALUDA RIVER.

WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE

S. 1111 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-2730, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO FEDERAL FISHING REGULATIONS, SO AS TO PROVIDE A SPECIFIC SIZE AND POSSESSION LIMIT FOR COBIA.

WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE

S. 913 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-9-740(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO YOUTH HUNTING DAYS, TO PROVIDE THAT A LICENSE OR TAG REQUIRED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 9, TITLE 50 IS WAIVED FOR A YOUTH HUNTER ON A YOUTH HUNTING DAY.

WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE

S. 933 -- Senator Campsen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-5-1705(D) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CATCH LIMITS FOR ESTUARINE AND SALTWATER FINFISH, TO REDUCE THE CATCH LIMITED FOR RED DRUM.

WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE

S. 758 -- Senator Reese: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 50-25-1330, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WATERCRAFT RESTRICTIONS ALONG LAKE H. TAYLOR BLALOCK, SO AS TO EXTEND THE PERIOD FOR THE HUNTING OF WATERFOWL ON THE LAKE TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.

WILDLIFE: FAVORABLE

S. 841 -- Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-225, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT, EVERY FOUR YEARS, AT THEIR MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS, MAGISTRATES AND MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES MUST RECEIVE AT LEAST TWO HOURS OF INSTRUCTION ON ISSUES CONCERNING ANIMAL CRUELTY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 2, TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO CRUELLY TETHERS A DOG IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND, UPON CONVICTION, MUST BE PUNISHED BY IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING NINETY DAYS OR BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH, FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, OR BY IMPRISONMENT NOT EXCEEDING TWO YEARS OR BY A FINE NOT EXCEEDING TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS, OR BOTH, FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE; TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-60 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF QUARANTINED OR IMPOUNDED ANIMALS, TO PROVIDE THAT, UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, A LITTER OF UNIDENTIFIABLE DOGS OR CATS FOUR MONTHS OF AGE OR YOUNGER MAY BE TURNED OVER TO AN ORGANIZATION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT ALL HEALTHY, UNIDENTIFIABLE CATS FOUND OR PICKED UP FROM AN OUTSIDE AREA AND CONSIDERED STRAY MAY BE STERILIZED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AND THEN RETURNED TO THE AREA IN WHICH THEY WERE FOUND TWENTY-FOUR HOURS AFTER SURGERY; TO AMEND CHAPTER 1, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO CRUELTY TO ANIMALS, BY ADDING SECTION 47-1-145, TO PROVIDE

THAT ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION, OR OTHER ENTITY THAT IS AWARDED CUSTODY OF AN ANIMAL UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 47-1-150 AND THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO AN ANIMAL WITHOUT COMPENSATION MAY FILE A PETITION WITH THE COURT REQUESTING THAT THE DEFENDANT, IF FOUND GUILTY, BE ORDERED TO DEPOSIT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO SECURE PAYMENT OF ALL THE REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CUSTODIAN; TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-9600(B) OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE SPECIAL FUND TO SUPPORT LOCAL ANIMAL SPAYING AND NEUTERING PROGRAMS, TO PROVIDE THAT AN AGENCY MAY APPLY FOR UP TO TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS PER GRANT APPLICATION AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH FISCAL YEAR AND MAY APPLY FOR MULTIPLE GRANTS DURING A FISCAL YEAR, TO PROVIDE THAT GRANTS MUST BE FULFILLED WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF RECEIVING FUNDS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SHALL ENCOURAGE TIER 3 AND TIER 4 COUNTIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRANT PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 40-69-30 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS TO PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE, TO PROVIDE THAT, SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THIS STATE, DURING AN EMERGENCY OR NATURAL DISASTER, A VETERINARIAN OR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN WHO IS NOT LICENSED IN THIS STATE, BUT IS LICENSED AND IN GOOD STANDING IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION, MAY PRACTICE VETERINARY MEDICINE RELATED TO THE RESPONSE EFFORTS IN LOCATIONS IN THIS STATE IF AN OFFICIAL DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR AND AN OFFICIAL INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO THE VETERINARIAN OR VETERINARY TECHNICIAN FOR A SPECIFIED TIME BY THE GOVERNOR WITHIN OR OUTSIDE THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE COMPACT; TO AMEND SECTION 47-3-470(3), SECTION 47-3-480, AND SECTION 47-3-490 OF THE 1976 CODE, ALL RELATING TO THE STERILIZATION OF DOGS AND CATS, TO REPLACE THE TERM "ANIMAL REFUGE" WITH "RESCUE ORGANIZATION"; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 47 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO DOGS AND OTHER DOMESTIC PETS, BY ADDING ARTICLE 16, TO PROVIDE FOR SHELTERING STANDARDS AND TO PROVIDE THAT ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS SHALL HAVE THE DUTY TO ENFORCE SHELTER STANDARDS, INCLUDING THE INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST, AND THE INSPECTION OF, ANIMAL SHELTERING FACILITIES; AND TO DEFINE NECESSARY TERMS.

AGRICULTURE: FAVORABLE

H. 4887 -- Reps. Burns, Chumley and Loftis: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO OFFSHORE DRILLING ACTIVITIES OFF SOUTH CAROLINA'S COAST AND THE POTENTIAL ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF DOMESTIC ENERGY PRODUCTION FOR THE STATE.

ENVIRONMENTAL: TENTATIVE

H. 4896 -- Reps. Ott, Duckworth, Wheeler, Clary, G.M. Smith, Ridgeway, Brown, Pendarvis, Kirby, Funderburk, M. Rivers, Govan, Robinson-Simpson, McGinnis, W. Newton, Mace, Cogswell, Sottile, Stavrinakis, Herbkersman, J.E. Smith, Bernstein, Bradley and Hewitt: A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND URGE THE MEMBERS TO PROHIBIT SEISMIC SURVEYS OR OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH CAROLINA, AND TO JOIN THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN PROTECTING THE BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, SEA ISLANDS, AND ESTUARIES OF THE STATE FROM THE INEVITABLE POLLUTION OF THE AIR AND SEA IF SEISMIC SURVEYS OR OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS DRILLING IS ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE OFF OF SOUTH CAROLINA, RESULTING IN A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE ALONG OUR COAST AND A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON THE TOURISM INDUSTRY OF THE STATE.

ENVIRONMENTAL: TENTATIVE

H. 4892 -- Rep. McEachern: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO MEMORIALIZE PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO TAKE ACTION TO END OFFSHORE OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND DRILLING IN THE COASTAL WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES.

ENVIRONMENTAL: TENTATIVE